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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Status Of Claims

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 19 and 22-24 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Examiner's Response To Previous Amendment

With respect to numbered paragraph 2 on page 8 of the Office Action, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 25-27.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koorapaty et al. (US Patent Publication Number 2002/0082010) in view of Hassan et al. (US Patent Publication Number 2003/0022670). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koorapaty in view of Hassan.

Amended Claims 1 and 19 include "determining a current area where a wireless device is currently situated; using said determination to identify a plurality of channels useable for transmissions in said current area; and scanning said plurality of channels according to a scanning order associated with said current area". Amended Claims 11 and 22 include "a processor to determine a current area where the wireless communication device is currently situated and use said determination to identify a plurality of channels usable for transmissions in said current area and select at least one of said plurality of channels for scanning according to a scanning order associated with

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said current area". It is respectfully submitted that neither the Koorapaty reference, the Hassan reference nor any combination of the two references teach these features.

In paragraph 0039, Koorapaty teaches "The [Intelligent Roaming] IR procedures typically use a preprogrammed database stored in the wireless terminal called the Intelligent Roaming Data Base (IRDB). The IRDB prioritizes the frequency bands and sub-bands to be scanned". In paragraph 0051, Koorapaty teaches "A DCCH (Digital Control Channel) history table [DHT] stores control channels recently camped on by the wireless terminal, and the DHT scan 204 searches those channels for service". It is respectfully submitted that the "preprogrammed database" and "history table" which are taught in Koorapaty are not suitable for determining the current area where a wireless device is currently situated.

In paragraph 0033, Hassan teaches "The Regulatory Control message includes a Regulatory Control Indicator (RCI) that indicates to the mobile terminal 100 how many Service Providers (SPs) are within a given service area". It is respectfully submitted that the "Regulatory Control Indicator" which is taught in Hassan indicates the number of Service Providers available in an area, but is not suitable for determining the current area where a wireless device is currently situated.

Therefore, neither Koorapaty nor Hassan teach a method of determining the current area that a wireless device is currently situated and using that determination to identify and scan channels in that area according to an ordering associated with that area as Applicants claim in amended Claims 1, 11, 19 and 22.

Thus, amended Claims 1, 11, 19 and 22 cannot be considered obvious in view of Koorapaty, Hassan or any combination thereof. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 1, 11, 19 and 22 are allowable.

Each of Claims 2-10, 12-18, 20-21 and 23-24 depends from one of amended independent Claims 1, 11, 19 and 22, respectively, and therefore includes all the limitations of one of these claims as well as further distinguishing features. Thus, claims 2-10, 12-18, 20-21 and 23-24 are likewise allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koorapaty et al. in view of Hassan et al.

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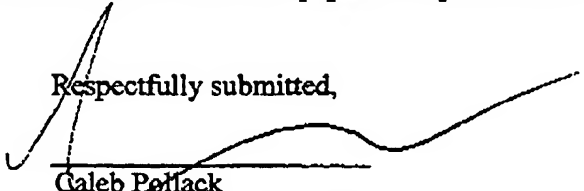
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

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